

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, between line 1 and 2, directly after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- This is the U.S. national stage of International application PCT/DE2003/003042, filed September 12, 2003, designating the United States, which claims priority to German application DE102 43 086.1, filed September 16, 2002. These applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

On page 1, please delete line 3 and substitute the following therefor:

-- Field of the Invention --.

On page 1, please delete line 18 and substitute the following therefore:

-- Background of the Invention --.

On page 11, please delete line 16 and substitute the following therefor:

-- Description of Various and Preferred Embodiments of the Invention --.

On page 19, please delete line 1 and substitute the following therefor:

-- What is claimed is: --.